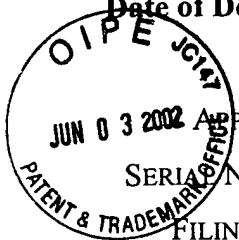


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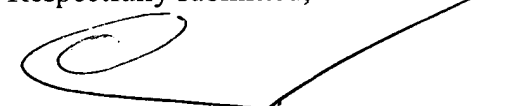
Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement (1 pg.); and
- ☒ Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-024 Natl. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

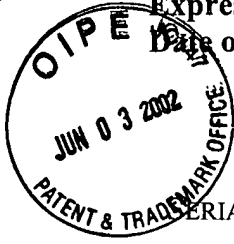
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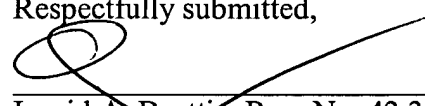
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 1, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group III, (claims 35-41), drawn to method for obtaining a sample of isolated liver cells. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims which are equal to or broader in scope in this, or future applications related to the above-identified patent application.

A response is due on or before June 3, 2002. Although Applicant believes no further fees are due in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No.21486-024).

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